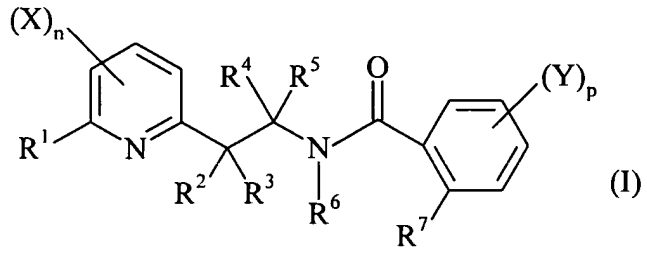
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of ~~general~~ formula (I):



(I)

in which :

n is 1, 2 or 3;

each X is ~~the same or different and is~~ independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a sulfanyl group, a pentafluoro-λ^6-sulfanyl group, a formyl group, a formyloxy group, a formylamino group, a carboxy group, a carbamoyl group, a N-hydroxycarbamoyl group, a carbamate group, a (hydroxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl group, a C_1-C_8-alkyl, a C_2-C_8-alkenyl, a C_2-C_8-alkynyl, a C_1-C_8-alkylamino, a di-C_1-C_8-alkylamino, a C_1-C_8-alkoxy, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulfanyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulfanyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_2-C_8-alkenyloxy, a C_2-C_8-halogenoalkenyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_3-C_8-alkynyloxy, a C_3-C_8-halogenoalkynyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl,

a C_3-C_8-halogenocycloalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylcarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbamoyl, a di-C_1-C_8-alkylcarbamoyl, a (N-C_1-C_8-alkyl)oxycarbamoyl, a C_1-C_8-alkoxycarbamoyl, a (N-C_1-C_8-alkyl)-C_1-C_8-alkoxycarbamoyl, a C_1-C_8-alkoxycarbonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkoxycarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbonyloxy, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylcarbonyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbonylamino, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylcarbonylamino having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylaminocarbonyloxy, a di-C_1-C_8-alkylaminocarbonyloxy, a C_1-C_8-alkyloxycarbonyloxy, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphenyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphenyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphinyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphinyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a (C_1-C_6-alkoxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a (C_1-C_6-alkenyloxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a (C_1-C_6-alkynyloxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a (benzyloxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a benzyloxy, a benzylsulfanyl, a benzylamino, a phenoxy, a phenylsulfanyl ~~or~~ and a phenylamino;

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a sulfanyl group, a pentafluoro-λ^6-sulfanyl group, a formyl group, a formyloxy group, a formylamino group, a carboxy group, a carbamoyl group, a N-hydroxycarbamoyl group, a carbamate group, a (hydroxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl group, a C_1-C_8-alkyl, a C_2-C_8-alkenyl, a C_2-C_8-alkynyl, a C_1-C_8-alkylamino, a di-C_1-C_8-alkylamino, a C_1-C_8-alkoxy, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulfanyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulfanyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_2-C_8-alkenyloxy, a

C_2-C_8-halogenoalkenyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_3-C_8-alkynyloxy, a C_3-C_8-halogenoalkynyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl, a C_3-C_8-halogenocycloalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylcarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbamoyl, a di-C_1-C_8-alkylcarbamoyl, a N-C_1-C_8-alkyloxycarbamoyl, a C_1-C_8-alkoxycarbamoyl, a N-C_1-C_8-alkyl-C_1-C_8-alkoxycarbamoyl, a C_1-C_8-alkoxycarbonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkoxycarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbonyloxy, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylcarbonyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbonylamino, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylcarbonylamino having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylaminocarbonyloxy, a di-C_1-C_8-alkylaminocarbonyloxy, a C_1-C_8-alkyloxycarbonyloxy, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphenyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphenyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphinyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphinyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a (C_1-C_6-alkoxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a (C_1-C_6-alkenyloxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a (C_1-C_6-alkynyloxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a (benzyloxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a benzyloxy, a benzylsulfanyl optionally substituted with 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a benzylamino, a phenoxy, a phenylsulfanyl optionally substituted with 1 to 5 halogen atoms ~~or~~ and a phenylamino;

with the proviso that X and R^1 are not both a hydrogen atom;

R^2 and R^3 are ~~the same or different and are~~ independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxy group, a C_1-C_6-alkyl, a C_1-C_6-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_2-C_6-alkenyl, a C_1-C_6-alkoxy, a C_1-C_6-

alkylsulfanyl, a C_1-C_6-alkylsulfenyl, a C_1-C_6-alkylsulfinyl, a C_1-C_6-alkoxycarbonyl, a C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyloxy ~~or~~ and a C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonylamino;

or R^2 and R^3 may together form a 3-, 4-, 5- or 6-membered carbocycle;

R^4 and R^5 are ~~the same or different and are~~ independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a C_1-C_6-alkyl ~~or~~ and a C_1-C_6-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms;

or R^4 and R^5 may together form a 3-, 4-, 5- or 6-membered carbocycle;

R^6 is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxy group, a C_1-C_6-alkyl, a C_1-C_6-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_6-alkoxy, a C_1-C_6-halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl, a C_3-C_6-halogenocycloalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_2-C_6-alkenyl, a C_2-C_6-alkynyl, a C_1-C_6-alkoxy-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a C_1-C_6-cyanoalkyl, a C_1-C_6-aminoalkyl, a C_1-C_6-alkylamino-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a di-C_1-C_6-alkylamino-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyl, a C_1-C_6-halogenalkylcarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_6-alkyloxycarbonyl, a C_1-C_6-benzyloxycarbonyl, a C_1-C_6-alkoxy-C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyl, a C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyl ~~or~~ and a C_1-C_6-halogenoalkylsulfonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms;

p is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

each Y is ~~the same or different and is~~ independently selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a sulfanyl group, a pentafluoro-λ^6-sulfanyl group, a formyl group, a formyloxy group, a

formylamino group, a carboxy group, a C_1-C_8-alkyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_2-C_8-alkenyl, a C_2-C_8-alkynyl, a C_1-C_8-alkylamino, a di-C_1-C_8-alkylamino, a C_1-C_8-alkoxy, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkoxy-C_2-C_8-alkenyl, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulfanyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulfanyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkoxycarbonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkoxycarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbonyloxy, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylcarbonyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphenyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphenyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphinyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphinyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms ~~or~~ and a C_1-C_8-alkylsulfonamide; and

R^7 is selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, an amino group, a sulfanyl group, a pentafluoro-λ^6-sulfanyl group, a formyl group, a formyloxy group, a formylamino group, a carboxy group, a C_1-C_8-alkyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_2-C_8-alkenyl, a C_2-C_8-alkynyl, a C_1-C_8-alkylamino, a di-C_1-C_8-alkylamino, a C_1-C_8-alkoxy, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkoxy-C_2-C_8-alkenyl, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulfanyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulfanyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkoxycarbonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkoxycarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbonyloxy, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylcarbonyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphenyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphenyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphinyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphinyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-

alkylsulphonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms ~~or~~ and a C_1-C_8-alkylsulfonamide;

as well as ~~its salts, N-oxydes, metallic and metalloidic complexes~~ a salt or N-oxide thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The compound ~~according to~~ of claim 1~~, characterised in that~~ wherein R^1 is a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The compound ~~according to~~ of claim 1~~, characterised in that~~ wherein n is 1 or 2.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The compound ~~according to~~ of claim 1~~, characterised in that~~ wherein each X is selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom ~~or~~ and a C_1-C_8-alkyl.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The compound ~~according to~~ of claim 1~~, characterised in that~~ wherein the 2-pyridyl is substituted by X in the 3- and/or in the 5-position.

6. (Currently Amended ~~A~~ The compound ~~according to~~ of claim 1~~, characterised in that~~ wherein R^7 is selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a C_1-C_8-alkyl ~~or~~ and a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The compound ~~according to~~ of claim 1~~, characterised in that~~ wherein p is 1 or 2.

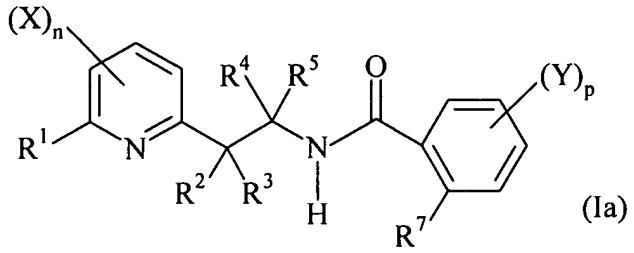
8. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The compound ~~according to~~ of claim 7~~, characterised in that~~ wherein p is 1.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The compound ~~according to~~ of claim 1~~, characterised in that~~ wherein each Y is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom ~~or~~ and a C_1-C_8-alkyl.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The compound ~~according to~~ of claim 9~~, characterised in that~~ wherein each Y is a hydrogen atom.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The compound ~~according to~~ of claim 1~~, characterised in that~~ wherein the phenyl is substituted by Y ~~preferentially~~ first in the para position.

12. (Currently Amended) A process ~~(A)~~ for the preparation of a compound of ~~general~~ formula (Ia)



(Ia)

wherein :

R^1, ~~R^2~~, R^7, X, Y, n and p are as defined in claim 1;

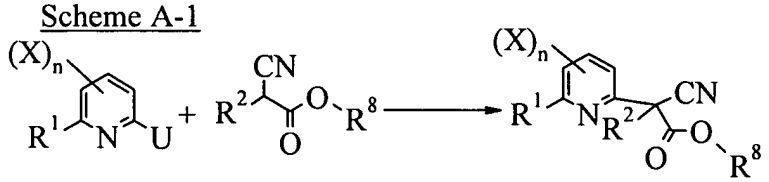
R^2, R^4, and R^5 are hydrogen atoms;

R^3 is a C_1-C_6 alkyl;

which process comprises:

a first step according to reaction scheme A-1 :

Scheme A-1



(II) (III) (IV)

in which :

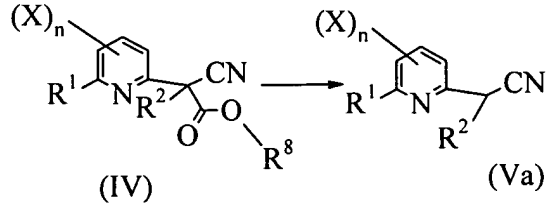
R^8 is selected from the group consisting of a C_1-C_6 alkyl, a C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, a benzyl, 4-methoxybenzyl ~~or~~ and pentafluorophenyl;

U is a leaving group ~~chosen as being~~ selected from the group consisting of a halogen, a C_1-C_6 alkylsulfonate ~~or~~ and a C_1-C_6 haloalkylsulfonate;

comprising the arylation of a cyanoacetate derivative of ~~general~~ formula (III) by a pyridine derivative of ~~general~~ formula (II), to provide a 2-(pyridyl)cyanoacetate derivative of ~~general~~ formula (IV), in the presence of a base, at a temperature of from 0°C to 200°C;

a second step according to reaction scheme A-2 :

Scheme A-2



in which :

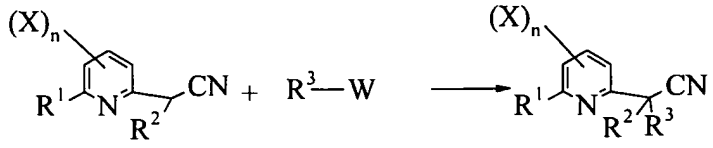
~~R^3 is a hydrogen atom;~~

~~R^8 is a C_1-C_6 alkyl, a C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, a benzyl, 4-methoxybenzyl or pentafluorophenyl;~~

comprising a basic hydrolysis, an acidic hydrolysis or a displacement by ~~an~~ a halide of a compound of ~~general~~ formula (IV) ~~in the same or a different pot~~ to provide, upon heating at a temperature of from 40°C to reflux, a 2-pyridylacetonitrile derivative of ~~general~~ formula (Va);

a third step according to reaction scheme A-3 :

Scheme A-3



(Va) (XVII) (Vb)

in which :

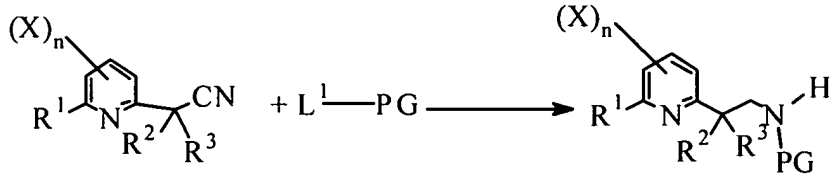
~~R^3 is a C_1-C_6 alkyl;~~

W is selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a C_1-C_6 alkylsulfonate, a C_1-C_6 haloalkylsulfonate ~~or~~ and a 4-methyl-phenylsulfonate,

comprising the alkylation of a compound of ~~general~~ formula (Va) by a reagent of ~~general~~ formula (XVII) to provide a compound of ~~general~~ formula (Vb);

a fourth step according to reaction scheme A-4 :

Scheme A-4



(Va) or (Vb) (VI) (VII)

in which :

~~R^3 is a hydrogen atom or a C_1-C_6 alkyl;~~

L^1 is a leaving group ~~chosen as being a~~ selected from the group consisting of an

-OR^8 group ~~or a~~ and an -$OCOR^8$ group,

~~R^8 being a C_1-C_6 alkyl, a C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, a benzyl, 4-methoxybenzyl or pentafluorophenyl;~~

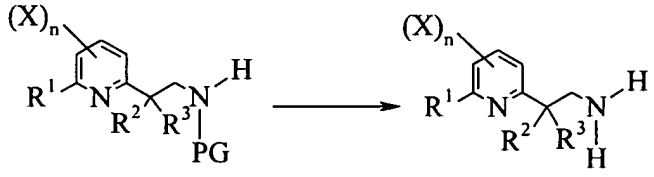
PG represents a protecting group ~~which may be~~ selected from the group consisting of a -$COOR^8$ group ~~or~~ and a -COR^8 group,

~~R^8 being a C_1-C_6 alkyl, a C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, a benzyl, methoxybenzyl or pentafluorophenyl;~~

comprising the reduction, by hydrogenation or by an hydride donor, of a compound of ~~general~~ formula ~~(Va) or~~ (Vb), in the presence of a catalyst and in the presence of a compound of ~~general~~ formula (VI) to produce a compound of ~~general~~ formula (VII), at a temperature of from 0°C to 150°C and under a pressure of from 1 bar and 100 bar;

a fifth step according to reaction scheme A-5 :

Scheme A-5



(VII) (VIIIa)

~~in which :~~

~~R^3 is a C_1-C_6 alkyl;~~

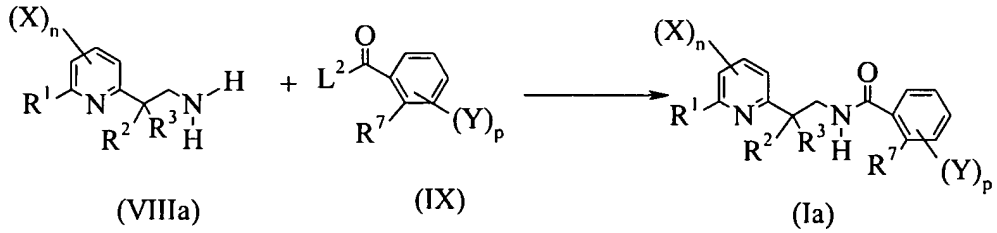
~~PG represents a protecting group which may be a -$COOR^8$ group or -COR^8 group,~~

~~R^8 being a C_1-C_6 alkyl, a C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, a benzyl, 4-methoxybenzyl or pentafluorophenyl;~~

comprising a deprotection reaction, in an acidic or in a basic medium, of a compound of ~~general~~ formula (VII) to provide an amine derivative of ~~general~~ formula (VIIIa) or one of its ~~salt~~ salts; and

a sixth step according to reaction scheme A-6 :

Scheme A-6



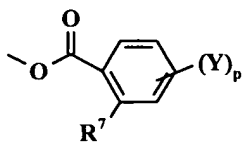
(VIIIa) (IX) (Ia)

in which :

~~R^9 is a C_1-C_6 alkyl;~~

L^2 is a leaving group ~~chosen as being~~ selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, an OR^8 group, an $OCOR^8$,

~~R^8 being a C_1-C_6 alkyl, a C_1-C_6 haloalkyl, a benzyl, 4-methoxybenzyl or pentafluorophenyl; or~~ and a group of formula

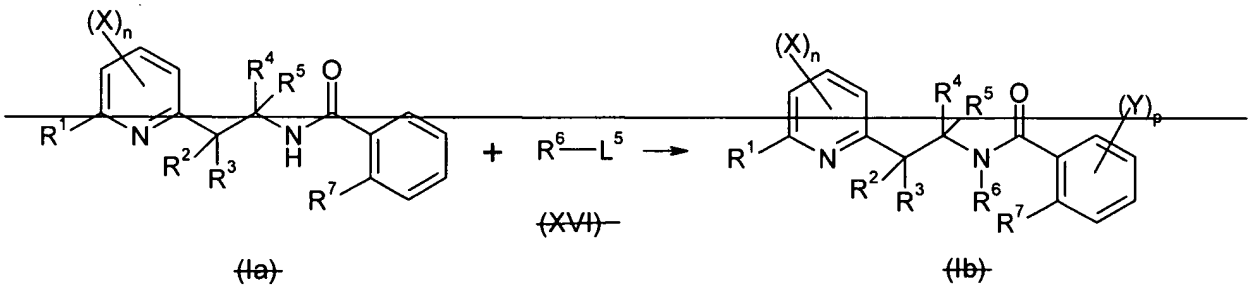


comprising a coupling reaction of an amine derivative of ~~general~~ formula (VIIIa) or one of its ~~salt~~ salts, with a carboxylic acid derivative of formula (IX) to provide a compound of ~~general~~ formula (Ia).

13-17. (Canceled)

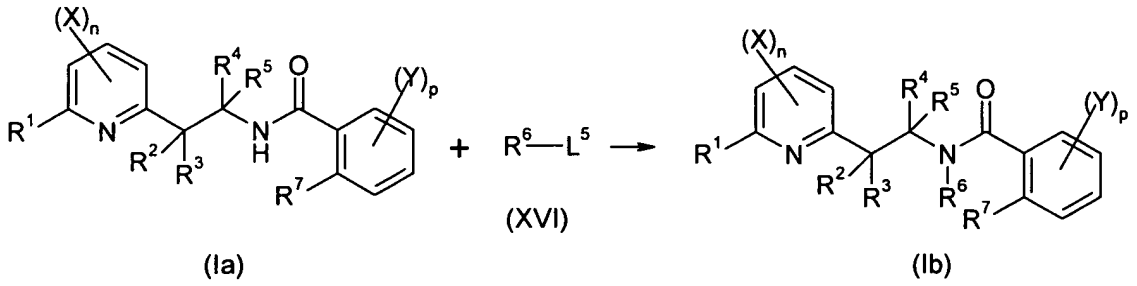
18. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The process ~~according to~~ of claim 12 ~~which~~ further ~~comprises~~ comprising a step according to reaction scheme G :

~~Scheme G~~



~~(Ia)~~ ~~(Ib)~~

Scheme G



(Ia) (Ib)

in which:

~~n is 1, 2 or 3;~~

~~X is the same or different and is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a sulfanyl group, a pentafluoro-λ^6-sulfanyl group, a formyl group, a formyloxy group, a formylamino group, a carboxy group, a carbamoyl group,a N-hydroxycarbamoyl group, a carbamate group, a (hydroxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl group, a C_1-C_8-alkyl, a C_2-C_8-alkenyl, a C_2-C_8-alkynyl, a C_1-C_8-alkylamino, a di-C_1-C_8-alkylamino, a C_1-C_8-alkoxy, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulfanyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulfanyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_2-C_8-alkenyloxy, a C_2-C_8-halogenoalkenyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_3-C_8-alkynyloxy, a C_3-C_8-halogenoalkynyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl, a C_3-C_8-halogenocycloalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylcarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbamoyl, a di-C_1-C_8-alkylcarbamoyl, a (N-C_1-C_8-alkyl)oxycarbamoyl, a C_1-C_8-alkoxycarbamoyl, a (N-C_1-C_8-alkyl)-C_1-C_8-alkoxycarbamoyl, a C_1-C_8-alkoxycarbonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkoxycarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbonyloxy, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylcarbonyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbonylamino, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylcarbonylamino having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylaminocarbonyloxy, a di-C_1-C_8-alkylaminocarbonyloxy, a C_1-C_8-alkyloxycarbonyloxy, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphenyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphenyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphinyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphinyl having 1 to 5 halogen~~

~~atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a (C_1-C_6-alkoxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a (C_1-C_6-alkenyloxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a (C_1-C_6-alkynyloxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a (benzyloxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a benzyloxy, a benzylsulfanyl, a benzylamino, a phenoxy, a phenylsulfanyl or a phenylamino;~~

~~R^1 is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a sulfanyl group, a pentafluoro-λ^6-sulfanyl group, a formyl group, a formyloxy group, a formylamino group, a carboxy group, a carbamoyl group, a N-hydroxycarbamoyl group, a carbamate group, a (hydroxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl group, a C_1-C_8-alkyl, a C_2-C_8-alkenyl, a C_2-C_8-alkynyl, a C_1-C_8-alkylamino, a di-C_1-C_8-alkylamino, a C_1-C_8-alkoxy, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulfanyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulfanyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_2-C_8-alkenyloxy, a C_2-C_8-halogenoalkenyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_3-C_8-alkynyloxy, a C_3-C_8-halogenoalkynyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl, a C_3-C_8-halogenocycloalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylcarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbamoyl, a di-C_1-C_8-alkylcarbamoyl, a N-C_1-C_8-alkyloxycarbamoyl, a C_1-C_8-alkoxycarbamoyl, a N-C_1-C_8-alkyl-C_1-C_8-alkoxycarbamoyl, a C_1-C_8-alkoxycarbonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkoxycarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbonyloxy, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylcarbonyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbonylamino, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylcarbonylamino having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylaminocarbonyloxy, a di-C_1-C_8-alkylaminocarbonyloxy, a C_1-C_8-~~

~~alkyloxycarbonyloxy, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphenyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphenyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphinyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphinyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a (C_1-C_6-alkoxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a (C_1-C_6-alkenyloxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a (C_1-C_6-alkynyloxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a (benzyloxyimino)-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a benzyloxy, a benzylsulfanyl optionally substituted with 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a benzylamino, a phenoxy, a phenylsulfanyl optionally substituted with 1 to 5 halogen atoms or a phenylamino;~~

~~with the proviso that X and R^1 are not both a hydrogen atom;~~

~~R^2 and R^3 are the same or different and are a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxy group, a C_1-C_6-alkyl, a C_1-C_6-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_2-C_6-alkenyl, a C_1-C_6-alkoxy, a C_1-C_6-alkylsulfanyl, a C_1-C_6-alkylsulfenyl, a C_1-C_6-alkylsulfinyl, a C_1-C_6-alkoxycarbonyl, a C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyloxy or a C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonylamino;~~

~~or R^2 and R^3 may together form a 3-, 4-, 5- or 6-membered carbocycle;~~

~~R^4 and R^5 are the same or different and are a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a cyano group, a C_1-C_6-alkyl or a C_1-C_6-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms;~~

~~or R^4 and R^5 may together form a 3-, 4-, 5- or 6-membered carbocycle;~~

R^6 is a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxy group, a C_1-C_6-alkyl, a C_1-C_6-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_6-alkoxy, a C_1-C_6-halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl, a C_3-C_6-halogenocycloalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_2-C_6-alkenyl, a C_2-C_6-alkynyl, a C_1-C_6-alkoxy-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a C_1-

C_6-cyanoalkyl, a C_1-C_6-aminoalkyl, a C_1-C_6-alkylamino-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a di-C_1-C_6-alkylamino-C_1-C_6-alkyl, a C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyl, a C_1-C_6-halogenalkylcarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_6-alkyloxycarbonyl, a C_1-C_6-benzyloxycarbonyl, a C_1-C_6-alkoxy-C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyl, a C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyl or a C_1-C_6-halogenoalkylsulfonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms; and

~~p is 1, 2, 3 or 4;~~

~~Y is the same or different and is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxy group, an amino group, a sulfanyl group, a pentafluoro-λ^6-sulfanyl group, a formyl group, a formyloxy group, a formylamino group, a carboxy group, a C_1-C_8-alkyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_2-C_8-alkenyl, a C_2-C_8-alkynyl, a C_1-C_8-alkylamino, a di-C_1-C_8-alkylamino, a C_1-C_8-alkoxy, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkoxy-C_2-C_8-alkenyl, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulfanyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulfanyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkoxycarbonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkoxycarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbonyloxy, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylcarbonyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphenyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphenyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphinyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphinyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms or a C_1-C_8-alkylsulfonamide; and~~

~~R^7 is a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, an amino group, a sulfanyl group, a pentafluoro-λ^6-sulfanyl group, a formyl group, a formyloxy group, a formylamino group, a carboxy group, a C_1-C_8-alkyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_2-C_8-~~

~~alkenyl, a C_2-C_8-alkynyl, a C_1-C_8-alkylamino, a di-C_1-C_8-alkylamino, a C_1-C_8-alkoxy, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkoxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkoxy-C_2-C_8-alkenyl, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulfanyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulfanyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkoxycarbonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkoxycarbonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylcarbonyloxy, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylcarbonyloxy having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphenyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphenyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphinyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphinyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms, a C_1-C_8-alkylsulphonyl, a C_1-C_8-halogenoalkylsulphonyl having 1 to 5 halogen atoms or a C_1-C_8-alkylsulfonamide;~~

~~as well as its salts, N-oxydes, metallic and metalloidic complexes;~~

L^5 is a leaving group ~~chosen as being~~ selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a 4-methyl phenylsulfonyloxy, and a methylsulfonyloxy;

comprising the reaction of a compound of ~~general~~ formula (Ia) with a compound of ~~general~~ formula (XVI) to provide a compound of ~~general~~ formula (Ib).

19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) Fungicidal composition comprising an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 and an agriculturally acceptable support.

21. (Currently Amended) Method for ~~preventively or curatively combating the~~ treating phytopathogenic fungi of crops~~, characterised in that~~ comprising applying an effective and non-phytotoxic amount of a composition according to claim 20 ~~is applied~~ to the plant seeds or to the plant leaves and/or to the fruits of the plants or to the soil in which the plants are growing or in which it is desired to grow them.